



APPROVED MINUTES

SUNNYVALE PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

The Planning Commission met in a special session in the West Conference Room, City of Sunnyvale, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA on **November 3, 2005** at 5:30 p.m. with Chair Hungerford presiding over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Charles Hungerford; Commissioner Laura Babcock; Commissioner Larry Klein; Commissioner Chris Moylan; Commissioner David Simons; and Commissioner Brandon Sulser

Members Absent: Vice Chair Fussell (excused)

Staff Present: Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer; Andy Miner, Principal Planner; and Deborah Gorman, Recording Secretary

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Judi Nickey, a Sunnyvale resident, said she would like to know what kind of Disaster Preparedness that the City has planned. She has not seen published information about what the public should do or where to go for food, water, shelter, etc. She would like the City to provide direction to the public prior to a disaster, as it might be hard to communicate plans if phones and electricity were out.

Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer, said that it might be more appropriate for Council to respond to this request and that she would pass on the information to the Emergency Preparedness staff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Selection and Ranking of Study Issues

Chair Hungerford explained the process that would be used to select and rank the study issues and said the Commission would be using the Six Sigma method.

Ms. Ryan provided additional information on the process. She said the Commission does not need to vote on the five continuing items. The Commission will then vote on the remaining Proposed Study Issue items (42 total as 10 of the 52 items are not for Planning Commission review) deciding whether a Study Issue should be selected to be ranked. She explained the Six Sigma process.

Chair Hungerford opened the public hearing.

Magda Gabali, a Sunnyvale resident, spoke in support of making the placement of cellular towers and equipment one of the top priorities in the Study Issue rankings. She commented that there are a few related proposed Study Issues on the Summary Worksheet. Ms. Gabali provided two handouts to the Commissioners regarding Section 704 of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 and another document entitled "Town Can Reject Cell Phone Towers." She said that she does not oppose cellular service, but does oppose the indiscriminant placement of towers in residential neighborhoods without ensuring the preservation of the neighborhood. She said some of her neighbors have suggested a moratorium be adopted on the placement of towers until a study can be completed. She urged the Commission to support the Study Issues related to cellular towers and equipment.

Sharon Fong, a Sunnyvale resident, spoke in support of two Study Issues regarding the aesthetic standards for wireless telecommunications facilities and marketing City property for wireless telecommunications. She said she would like to see a plan and policy set in 2006 that includes public input. She commented that the Parks and Recreation Commission also is considering a related Study issue and encouraged the Planning Commission to select and rank these telecommunication issues.

Judy Nickey, a Sunnyvale resident, commented that she agrees with the placing of the cellular towers on City property so the towers can create income for the City. She does not feel it is a problem having the towers in trees. She is opposed to having the towers placed on religious facilities property due to separation between Church and State, or the money being used for something outside of the City. She said she wants to see money earned from the towers to go to people who need help here in Sunnyvale.

Chair Hungerford thanked the three citizens for their input.

Chair Hungerford closed the public hearing.

The Commission went through the list of proposed Study Issues selecting by majority vote which items would remain as proposed issues. The Planning Commission selected 11 items for ranking and then used the Six Sigma method to rank the items. The results are as follows:

RANK			STUDY ISSUE NAME
1	CDD-	39	New Residential Heritage Districts
2	CDD-	19	Transitioning from a Growth to a Steady-State City
3	CDD-	1	Socio-Economic Element Update
4	CDD-	15	Size of Street Address Numbers
5	CDD-	43	Lawrence Station Transit Village
6	CDD-	7	Marketing City Property for Wireless Telecommunications Use
7T	CDD-	45	Smart Growth Principles for Streets
7T	CDD-	46	Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (Aesthetic Standards)
9	CDD-	53	Environmental Review for Groundwater in ITR-zoned Residential Development
10	CDD-	35	Implement State Density Bonus laws
11	CDD-	34	Prepare zoning standards to implement Santa Clara Water District Water Quality Collaborative standards for land use near streams.

Ms. Ryan said each of the items will be submitted with indication of how they were ranked by the Planning Commission.

Chair Hungerford added that the Public Hearing on potential Study Issues is scheduled for the City Council meeting of December 13, 2005 and the Annual Study Issue Workshop (all-day Special Meeting) is scheduled for December 15, 2005. Both meetings are open to the public.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS
- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

City Council Meeting Report

Other Staff Oral Report

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudi Ryan
Planning Officer